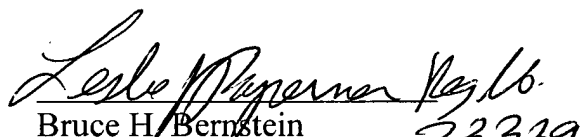


REMARKS

By the above amendment, claim 2 has been amended to correct an obvious error in its dependency.

If there should be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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